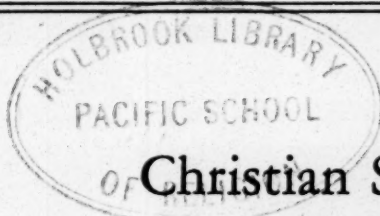


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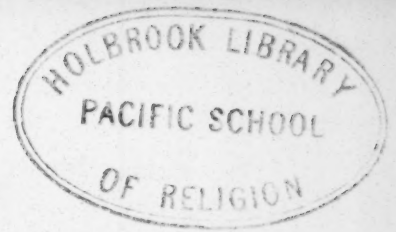
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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEAR READER:

This issue of ENVELOPE SERIES brings you two quite different, but equally important, major articles.

Samuel Guy Inman is a statesman and expert of the first rank on Latin America, consulted by government and church boards alike, listened to with respectful attention when he speaks in behalf of the people of Latin America, whether the audience be the U. N., or a member of the State Department. To have an article by his pen we consider a privilege and we owe a debt of gratitude to the Council for Social Action for making it possible. The story of how it came to be you will find on page 5, as well as an appraisal of why we consider this article of strategic importance for the missionary education of our churches though primarily aimed at their Christian reaction as citizens.

The second article in this issue is by Grace Storms our Children's Secretary. This is one of those articles which arises out of demand from the field. So many people are saying: "In the new system we don't know where to go for our missionary education material for boys and girls." Or, "we don't know how to get it into the new program." "We used to have World Service programs furnished us. What do we do now?" We asked Miss Storms to show us the wealth of possibilities in this new day in which in our denomination missionary education is fully and completely integrated into the whole Religious Education curriculum. This is the plan and promise, but now we have to bring the plans into actuality by applying the material to the real children's work in the churches.

Don't miss our advertisements this time. (See pages 4 and 24.) We'd be disappointed, and so would you, if you didn't make good use of these attractive offers.

The fall is a time of fulfillment! The Harvest Time, Thanksgiving Day, Every Member Canvass, Christmas, all seem some-

how related, and we come all too soon to the end of the year with a realizing sense that we have never given back half of what we should for the bountiful blessings which God has bestowed upon us. Think of that with all your conscience alert, as you consider the appeal for Korea, page 15. Thanksgiving, which results in the warm gift of the spirit and the hand, and Christmas by which we "light the way into the new year" for all mankind,—these we hope will result in a new stature and a new purpose in giving for the people of your church. As Paul puts it, "May your thankfulness abound unto your generosity."

RUTH ISABEL SEABURY

Boston, Massachusetts
September 12, 1951.

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MISSIONS AND SOCIAL ACTION

For many years, we in the Congregational Christian Churches have been conscious of the interrelatedness of the many parts of Our Christian World Mission. How could we possibly separate the mission of the church to America, for example, from the mission of every local church to its community? How could we feel that the interracial work of the Board of Home Missions could be done in a water-tight compartment unrelated to the Race Relations Department of the Council for Social Action? And how necessary that the International Relations' Department of the Council should bring its discoveries to bear upon the fields of service of our American Board, and vice versa! Hugh Vernon White once wrote an excellent issue of "Social Action" or "Missions and Social Action." We recognized the need for it in our thinking then and even more today.

The present issue of ENVELOPE SERIES offers a fine illustration of the case in point. This year our churches are studying Latin America. For us of the Congregational Christian Churches our *mission* responsibility is in Mexico. We were inclined to say too quickly "that means we must study Mexico." At once Dr. Gibbons reminded us that we are responsible for *all* of Latin America when it comes to the relations between our country and the other lands on this hemisphere; that our Council for Social Action owed it to our churches to make them conscious of that relationship; that a part of our study might well include what the International Relations Department might help us to discover regarding Christian brotherliness in the Western world and the Goodwill Program of the United States. So we very humbly besought the International Relations Department to give us some interpretation along that line. The article by Dr. Samuel Guy Inman on page 7 to 13 is the result. This is both Social Action and Missions!

Incidentally, how few of our people are aware that the chief

source of income for the Council for Social Action must be the missionary dollar! Social Action is a part of Our Christian World Mission, since it cannot represent us in the business of education and research for more Christian action by our churches, unless we provide the money for that service through Our Christian World Mission.

I like the following paragraph taken from the July 9, 1951, issue of *Advance* from an article prepared by the Council for Social Action.

We do not claim to know the Christian answer to all of the problems touched upon. We have tried to think as Christians. For the Christians, all men are the children of God, whom he loves and seeks to save. In any case, the Christian's motive and goal are given in the Biblical word: "God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved." With such convictions, the Christian looks out upon his world, making serious effort to understand what is going on, so that he may help, and not hinder, the purposes of God.

WHO IS SAMUEL GUY INMAN?

Dr. Samuel Guy Inman is an author, world traveler, student of international problems, but supremely an authority on Latin America. For ten years in Mexico he directed the People's Institute which he founded. Since 1914 he has made annual visits to Latin America. In 1923 he attended the fifth Pan American Peace Conference in Santiago, Chile, and has attended all Pan American conferences since. He has recently completed the stupendous task of writing 300 articles including 145 biographies of leading Latin Americans for the new Colliers' Encyclopedia. He was recently made a member of the London Institute of World Affairs and an honorary member of the Academy of History and Geography of Guatemala. On March 3, 1950, he was awarded the decoration of the Aztec Eagle by President Aleman for services to Mexico. The list of his achievements and international achievements is staggering in Europe, the Near East, and the Western world, and most recently for the Trusteeship Council in Geneva in connection with the United Nations' decision regarding Jerusalem. He is author of a dozen or more volumes on Latin American subjects, and his articles have appeared in American publications such as the *New York Times*.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION ON THIS HEMISPHERE

By SAMUEL GUY INMAN

Following an old custom, a farmer took his wife and fourteen children into the county seat on Saturday. He found that a strange animal called a giraffe was being exhibited in the town livery stable. Approaching the man in charge, the farmer asked him how much the entrance fee would be for himself and his fourteen children. "If you have fourteen children, you bring them along," said the showman. "It won't cost you a cent. It is worth as much for my giraffe to see your children as it is for your children to see my giraffe."

It is worth just as much for North Americans to see Latin Americans as it is for them to see us, and vice versa. If we in the United States only knew it, we are making a tremendous mistake in giving so little attention to our southern neighbors while we specialize on Formosa and other far parts of the world. The far-sighted have no more perfect eyes than the near-sighted. You cannot be "world-minded" and ignore the twenty republics of Latin America.

Our Common Problems

What are a few of the problems that are worrying North Americans today? Russian communism, Iranian oil, imperialism versus nationalism, fair land division, balancing man and the machine, securing allies for democracy, relations between church and state, increasing spiritual emphasis. Every one of these problems is likewise being fought out between grim opponents in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, and other American countries which boast of their American ideals, American form of government, American concern for freedom, American loyalty to Christianity. It makes a tremendous dif-

ference to North Americans whether our southern neighbors settle these problems the democratic and Christian way or follow the road of totalitarianism, clericalism and materialism.

Rapid Growth in Latin America

The development of the twenty Latin American republics both materially and intellectually is astounding. Clearly demonstrated is the prediction of President Theodore Roosevelt who declared: "The nineteenth century belonged to the United States, but the twentieth century will see the greatest developments in Latin America."

Population in Latin America is growing faster than in any other section of the world. For the first time, the total population of those countries (160 million people) has passed that of the United States. Their cities are mighty: Buenos Aires with three and a half million population, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City with two and a half million each, and several other cities between one and two million, and with astonishing new architecture, great airports, wide avenues, rapidly multiplying industries, which display unbelievable progress. Every country has modern social insurance and housing programs, and literacy campaigns that are rapidly cutting the formerly disgraceful illiteracy.

Astonishing Brazil

Take Brazil as an illustration. It is now the largest Latin country in the world, surpassing Italy and France, counting over fifty million population. It has so masterfully handled its mixed population of Portuguese, Indian and African, that there is practically no race problem, the same laws applying to all citizens—an example for the United States! The most beautiful city in the world, Rio de Janeiro, has a large section of its municipal government devoted to beautifying the community. Modern skyscrapers have been so artistically developed that archi-

fects from all over the world go to Rio to study the new designs. The municipal stadium, with all modern accessories, seats 155,000 and has become the center of international sports.

Freedom of the press, of expression of opinion, of the ballot, and of religion, are not only granted by the constitution, but actually practiced. Political persecutions are probably as little known in Brazil as in any other country in America or Europe. Protestantism became an active force in Brazil with the enthusiastic evangelism of a Congregational Scotch layman, Dr. Robert R. Kalley, in 1855. Liberal Christianity, based on individual interpretation of the Bible and lay leadership, appealed to the Brazilians. *The Congregationalists without the aid of any mission board have developed strong self-supporting churches in Rio de Janeiro and the northern state of Pernambuco. Protestantism in Brazil claims more than two million adherents—more than any other Latin country, in Europe or this hemisphere.* Congregational laymen have contributed leadership to the interdenominational work of the Evangelical churches as well as to government and social movements. Several of these Christian leaders would astonish the churches in the United States if they were invited to visit this country and confer with religious leaders concerning such problems as race-relations, lay participation in church programs, and Christian methods in meeting the communist problem.

The latest trip of the writer to Brazil was made at the invitation of President Truman on his plane *The Independence*, with six other representatives, to be present at the inauguration of President Vargas and Vice President João Café Filho. The election was considered a victory for the liberals, the Catholic Elector League having opposed especially the Vice President, a Protestant, for his liberal views. The Evangelical Council is shifting its former emphasis on doctrine and evangelism to the solution of social problems. One of the leaders in emphasizing the terrible poverty among the lower classes told me that his

cook had reported to him that morning that she and her six children were living on one meal a day! In the midst of the magnificence of the rich, such terrible poverty is compelling President Vargas, the government, and the more orthodox Christian churches to realize at last that first attention must be given to suffering humanity, if communism is not to overcome complacent democracy.

Heretofore Brazil has been the greatest friend of the United States, but its leaders are now saying that if Pan Americanism and Christian friendship is not willing to tackle such problems as raising the standards of living, what good is it?

Communism in Latin America

In the midst of the Ninth Pan American Conference in Bogotá in 1948, the worst riot in South American history occurred. It lasted ten days and twelve hundred people were killed. In efforts to get at the truth concerning the riots, I narrowly escaped death more times than during years of revolution in Mexico. When it was all over, the diplomatic representatives at the Conference, following the lead of the reactionary Colombian government, laid the riot at the door of the communists. The real cause of this astounding interference with the "meeting of the democracies of the Americas," however, was the election of one of the worst fascists on the continent as President of the Conference and the refusal of the delegates to take any active measures to face the exploitation of the poor—clearly proven by a recent survey of the city of Bogotá which is proudly named by its cultured rich as the "Athens of America." This survey showed that sixty percent of the dwellings of Bogotá lack water, light and drainage; seventy-five percent have no sanitary facilities; half of them have no kitchens. Half of the population is illiterate. The primary educational situation is so critical that the state is considering taking over the whole problem which up to the present has been largely in the hands of the Church.

Here is the open door for communism in Latin America. More than half of its people never slept in a bed, never had a pair of shoes, never saw the inside of a school or a hospital, never cast a ballot. To call protests against such conditions "communist" is not only dishonest, *it is suicidal for democracy.*

Latin America, nominally Roman Catholic, and psychologically, individualistic, **is opposed to Communism.** Few of the republics maintain diplomatic relations with Russia. The communist party is outlawed in Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatamala, and possibly others. Strange to say, the communist party *works with* the reactionary military, clerical and landlord elements in supporting dictatorships in Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua. It is strongest numerically in Brazil, Chile, and Cuba, according to election returns. It is weakest in the two countries that have had a thorough social revolution, Uruguay and Mexico, where it is given equal rights with all other political parties! According to a recent reliable summary given in the Worldover Press (April 13, 1951) there are some 400,000 members of the Communist Party in twenty Latin American republics, which counts on a backing in elections of about 1,500,000, among the 21 million voters.

All of us who are interested in fighting communism should realize two facts proven by Latin America:

First: Communism grows where the standard of living is low and where national and foreign exploitation of the people is notable.

Second: Communism works with reactionary military, clerical, and large property-holding interests to support dictatorships. Unfortunately there is some truth in the frequent charge that the United States government itself at times joins in this support of the dictatorships.

Certainly it is a fact that dictatorships, have been recently augmented by seizure of power by military juntas in Peru and Venezuela, and by tightening of political controls in Colombia and Argentina. This gain of totalitarianism over democracy has led an Ambassador of Costa Rica to declare that unless something vital is done to stop the turn toward dictatorship, within five years communism may take over a considerable part of Latin America.

The majority of observers would not accept this prophecy. But there is enough truth in it to challenge the lovers of peace in the United States to give more consideration to our twenty southern neighbors. Consider, for example, what they mean to us in our adventures in coöperation even now; they have twenty votes in the United Nations; they saved us from disaster during the last war by feeding their raw materials into the hungry mouths of our soldiers and our war machines; they write and have written some of America's finest poetry and music; they demonstrate some of the finest qualities of family life; and they have a group of fighting liberals who are anxious to coöperate with the United States in saving democracy and establishing freedom and justice the world around.

President Truman has stirred the nations by his suggested "bold new program for the free peoples of the world through their own efforts . . . to lighten their burdens." What a magnificent thing it would be for the Christians of America, North and South, to *start a bold new program* to bring to all the people of this Continent **more bread**, for body and soul, **more health**, material and spiritual, **more joy**, temporal and eternal,—A FOUR-POINT PROGRAM FOR A MUTUAL SEARCH FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Editorial Note

After reading Dr. Inman's inspiring article we could not resist asking him, "What would you put into a Four-point program that would reach and inspire to action common citizens in Con-

gregational churches?" He responded immediately with the following points:

Suggestions for a Four-Point Christian Program

1. Start an exchange of correspondence, radio programs, documentary films and Christian literature with Christian leaders in other American republics.
2. Initiate contacts with Latin Americans in this country—students in our educational institutions, business men, scholars (especially guests of State Department), Christian workers, diplomats in Washington and the United Nations, consuls in the the larger cities, and others among the constantly growing list of visitors registering at hotels and attending international conferences.
3. Work out an exchange of Christian professors and ministers. (This might be during a sabbatical leave or an actual exchange.) Make contacts with Latin American protestant schools through the ever-growing number of Christian tourists traveling southward.
4. Enlarge fellowship and financial aid to the important and influential English-speaking Union Churches in centers like Mexico City, Guatamala City, Canal Zone, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janiero and other cities.

Information about the above mentioned activities may be secured from the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. In this committee, we as civilians, have a stake, for it is one of the arms of the ecumenical movement in which we coöperate.

Fiesta Ideas

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Rose Wright, author of *Fun and Festival in Latin America* has her own studio and the unique idea of getting out specialities to make this year's program lively and interesting.

1. **Fiesta Invitations.** Two-color invitations in rhyme. 20 cents for 25; 60 cents for 100.
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4. **Place Cards.** Using diminutive maps and a poem these two-color place cards become appealing souvenirs. Prices as for invitations.
5. **Fiesta Poster.** Hand-printed. Size, $12"$ x $14\frac{3}{4}"$. Prices: \$1.00, single copy; 25 cents each additional copy.

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WHAT ABOUT KOREA?

Many of our people are asking that question today with a real desire to help the desperately and tragically injured people of that little, torn country. Ten million men, women, and children are homeless, and the roads are choked with an endless procession of refugees following as closely as they dare after the armed forces in the ebb and flow of battle. After long difficulties and uncertainties of a political nature which seemed to stand in the way of any organized relief and sure help, the road is at last open for us to participate even a little bit in the help so sorely needed.

If you would like to make a cash contribution from your organization or from individuals you may do so either directly to our Congregational Christian Service Committee or to Harold B. Belcher, Treasurer, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. Korean relief has now been approved for apportionment credit in the Relief and Reconstruction Section of "Our Christian World Mission" and such credit will be given if, in sending the gift, you request credit and state the name of the church clearly.

If you would like to send food relief. This is now possible and CARE is all set to send the well-known and cherished CARE packages to Korea. Send to your Conference Office for the leaflet "CARE for KOREA." This again takes money. It should be sent to CARE for KOREA Committee, 20 Broad St., New York. These contributions also will be given apportionment credit if requested and with the name of the church given.

If you would like to collect and send clothing, it is of course desperately needed. "ARK" (the American Relief for Korea, Inc.), has been authorized by the United States government, with a special proclamation from President Truman, to set aside "Clothes for Korea Month" in September with a nationwide goal of twenty million pounds of clothing. Gifts of clothing

should be sent to one of the following addresses. Long after September there will still be need.

The ARK, 12-15 Flushing Ave., Maspeth, N. Y. and

The ARK, 10901 Russett St., Oakland, California

All clothing should be sent prepaid. Especially needed with winter coming on are mittens, mufflers, sweaters, coats, bedding, shoes, all sizes and all kinds. Get the leaflet "Orphans of the Storm" (which may be secured in quantity) in order to inspire your people.

Whatever you do, learn about the tragic situation in this land!

Friendship Press has just prepared for us a splendid new pamphlet for study which should certainly be presented at a meeting of your Womens Association, Church Council, or at the first dinner meeting of your church. *Tragedy and Faith in Korea*, by Horace Underwood; price 50 cents. Dr. Underwood died before his book was quite completed, from over-exertion in the emergency in Korea, in January 1951. Chapter 9, "God's Light on Heartbreak Highway," is a moving document which our people should certainly read. But the importance of the pamphlet may be judged from the following summary of the chapter headings: *The Land of Korea, The People and Their History, Korea facing the Modern World, The What and How of Missions, The New Beginning*. This is another case like that of Latin America where although we do not have a responsibility for direct missionary work in Korea, we are linked inevitably with ties of Christian fellowship to the Christians of that land, *and*, as Christian citizens we owe it to our Lord that we should understand and be able to interpret the world scene in Christian terms.

WHERE IS OUR MISSIONARY MATERIAL FOR CHILDREN?

By GRACE STORMS*

Once upon a time the church school teacher had a lesson quarterly and with this he taught his class. That was an age of scarcity, for there were none of the rich variety of materials we have today. In recent years—in fact within the memory of most of us—audio and visual materials, attractive pictures in full color, accurate and interesting story books, reference books and pamphlets have become available to our church school.

Missionary education committees and leaders who have a major interest in the world church are particularly aware of this age of plenty in which we now teach. For it brings with it a most urgent concern; how are we to make effective use of all these resources in our teaching?

Specifically, in our Congregational Christian churches we have a carefully planned program of Christian education in both our Pilgrim Series and our Closely Graded courses. The Pilgrim Series courses include missionary education materials as an integral part of the program. Certain courses are *missionary courses*, describing the outreach of our churches into their communities, across our nation, around our world. In the spring of 1952, for example, boys and girls will be learning more of the Christian missionary spirit as it works to fulfill its vision for the evangelization of all men.

If you are using Pilgrim Series you will know that almost every course of study for children every quarter contains some missionary education material—hymns, stories of missionaries whose work is making a constructive difference in the lives of all who know them, prayers from churches of other lands, service projects which enable us all to be missionaries at home.

* Grace Storms is Children's Secretary of the Division of Christian Education of our Board of Home Missions.

In our Congregational Christian churches we have publications which supply us with up-to-the-minute news of what is happening on home and foreign mission fields. *Children's Religion*, *Letter of the Month*, *the Envelope Series*, *Advance*, and *Church in the Home* carry feature stories, pictures, and reports on mission activities.

In our Congregational Christian churches we have resource materials prepared by Miss Ione Catton and Mr. Armstrong Hunter which acquaint us with the work of our missionary workers in this country and across the world.* Have you seen "**Mission to America**" and "**Report on Mexico**"? Miss Helen Frances Smith and other members of our Missions Council staff provide us with a wide variety of service projects which enable us to serve the world church at the points where our interest, our goods, and our money are most needed.

In our Congregational Christian churches we produce audio and visual materials for missionary education. Each year Rev. Alexander Ferguson, Director of the Department of Audio Visual Aids, produces or coöperates in the production of motion pictures, slide sets, and filmstrips on the interdenominational missionary education themes, and our work in those areas.

Our Congregational Christian churches coöperate in the planning and production of a wonderful series each year of books, courses, maps, picture sets, and visual materials published by Friendship Press and produced for us all by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. This year the series is particularly fine on the two themes, "Churches for Our Coun-

* For further information on the work of our home missions program write to: Miss Ione Catton, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York; for overseas work of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions write to: Mr. Armstrong Hunter, Room 508, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

try's Needs," and "Latin America." (See *Envelope Series*, Spring Issue, "Best Books for 1951-52.")

How are we going to make effective use of all these resources in our teaching, that is our big question! How will church school leaders and missionary education committee members see that our children enjoy this rich harvest which is ready for their use?

Here are suggestions and as you become familiar with all the materials and all the possibilities, you will see how they fit into your plans and perhaps you may conceive your own program, tailor-made to fit the needs and interests of your own church.

First, for Pilgrim Series church schools much of this job is already done **through the regular church school courses.** In the leader's guides for the courses and in the *Pilgrim Series Program Manual* specific suggestions are made of where and how to use all available resources. Each quarter in the Program Manual there is a carefully prepared list of materials which will supplement the leader's guides and the pupil's quarterly. Each leader's guide also contains suggestions of other books, pictures, maps, and similar aids which will enrich the teaching of the quarter's course. Whenever possible the missionary story books and picture material are suggested in this list and the films and slides are mentioned.

Checking through the children's courses in the Pilgrim Series for the one year 1950-51 we found over forty places at which references were made to current Friendship Press books, pictures, and maps; points at which these materials could be used in connection with the church school lessons and worship services. In addition to these references to Friendship Press materials, there were many other references to denominational resources.

Second, each year there is a **Pilgrim Series All-Church Project** which makes use of the materials related to the annual missionary themes. A year ago this was Building Christian Schools

Around the World. The resource materials included stories of our schools in the Near East and it was possible to use the books of the year as supplementary material. Similarly this coming spring an all-church project on agricultural work will accompany the study of "God's World of Men and Nature." This will be related to the Home Missions theme of the year "Churches for Our Country's Needs." It will give us a splendid opportunity to use the Friendship Press Home Missions materials as sources of further information. *Davey of the Sand Hills*, the reading book for the primary children by Anne Halladay, tells the fascinating story of the Cameron family, missionaries in the Sand Hill country of Nebraska. *Hungry Hollow* for juniors by Anna Rose Wright is an absorbing reading book to use, as we think of our mission to such neglected areas as the mountain country of the South. No one could ever forget Dick who went to visit in the mountains and who was inspired to spend his whole life there serving these people, or the "bean patch in the sky" from which "J. P." fell one memorable day.

In making these all church projects meaningful to our people, church leaders will want to be sure mission study books are made available through church libraries, that children's books are put on browsing tables in class and departmental meeting rooms, that maps appear on church bulletin boards, that audio visual aids are shown.

Church schools not using *The Pilgrim Series* will also find interdenominational missionary education materials listed at appropriate places in their courses. In addition these schools will see that their children are given a chance to know of the important work of our own Congregational Christian missions through Our Christian World Mission and to share in it. Teachers in these schools will be especially interested in the booklets, leaflets, visual aids, and other materials on our mission work which are prepared by our Missions Council.

Third, an excellent opportunity for missionary education is

in the **worship service** of the church school or department when the classes are studying about the world church. Some of the finest missionary stories and materials recommended in this year's Pilgrim Series are the ones used in the program manual worship services. For example, the programs suggested for October 28, November 18, December 9, and, in fact, for the whole quarter, are splendid "Stewardship" Programs inspiring boys and girls to give their interest and support to Christ's church.

But not all our missionary education takes place in the Sunday church school session. Children who are able to attend weekday classes, vacation schools, and camps have additional opportunities to learn of the world church. Leaders who plan the curriculum for these experiences need to be aware of the Friendship Press children's books on the annual themes and the leader's guides which tell how to use them with children's groups.

Many churches build special programs around the splendid books for children offered each year. Those mentioned above on the home missions theme and this year's on Latin America, the foreign mission theme, are particularly interesting. The kindergarten will love "**Manuel, the Little Boy of Mexico**"; primary boys and girls will have fun with "**The Children Downstairs**," while those in Grades 4, 5, and 6 will enjoy Nina Millen's "**Off to Brazil**."

Our churches plan times when the whole congregation studies the work of missions at home and overseas. Mission institutes, often during or immediately following Lent should, and often do, include groups for children in which world friendship and the world church are experienced through study, through activities, and through service projects. (See "12 Point Standard for Missionary Education in the Local Church." This should already be in use in your church by the Missionary Committee, by the leaders of the church school and by the pastor. Point 6, on page 8, deals with the paragraph above, and Point 7, page 9,

with the following paragraphs on this page. Order from your State Conference office or from the Missions Council, price 10 cents.)

Churches plan to have a "missionary section" in the church library. The new books on the annual themes are displayed, so that church people will know about them. All of the books mentioned above will be useful for this purpose. They are delightful to look at, the illustrations are fascinating. Make them available to your boys and girls. Then, as your children are learning about Jesus, they will see that the church which follows him is interested in all people everywhere.

Missionary education must also find a center in the **Christian home**. Two interesting experiments in the use of mission study books in the home suggest the exciting possibilities here. One church, during the Japan study year (1949-50) prepared kits which were loaned to homes of its church school children for a week at a time. In the kit for girls were the current books on Japan, *Toshio and Tama* and *Where the Carp Banners Fly*, a pair of chopsticks, and a kimono for the girl to wear while she was enjoying the stories of Japanese children. Another church invited families to become "World Church Families." Those who responded promised to read the current mission study book appropriate for the age of each member of the family group. The families were given directions for preparing a Japanese meal which was enjoyed during the church year, and each family had an opportunity to entertain a citizen of Japan in its home. In both these churches horizons of knowledge, understanding, and fellowship were broadened and everyone had a very good time.

Similar projects for this year can be planned. Prepare a family kit on Latin America and one on "Churches for Our Country's Needs." For the former use the books mentioned above, plus "**Traded Twins**" a missionary mystery novel of Mexico written for the junior high but interesting for all young people and

adults and **"More About Mexico"** by Larry Stanton of our own Congregational Christian Church Mission; **"He Wears Orchids,"** a book of fascinating biographies by Elizabeth Lee, interesting to the older young people especially; **"We Americans, North and South"** by George P. Howard which will give the parents and young people excellent background material; and **"Fun and Festival in Latin America"** which is packed full of activities, worship suggestions; recipes, and decorations which a family can share with its neighbors and friends. A Mexican serape, easily obtainable at any of the importing stores, for the boys and a reboso, quite like our very fashionable stoles of today, for the girls might be included. (See also page 14.)

A kit on "Churches for Our Country's Needs" might include **"So Sure of Life"** by Violet Wood, a mountain doctor's story; **"The Third Wish"** by Eleanor Hull, written especially for junior highs; **"Our Church, One Fellowship"** by Sarah Little; and **"Mission to America,"** the book by Dr. Truman Douglass which every Congregational layman should read; and the pamphlet by Miss Catton which makes this book concrete in terms of our own work. All of these, of course, will be in addition to the children's books mentioned above.

The family books which have a very important part in our Pilgrim Series materials all contain a missionary interest and connection. **"Roads to Christmas,"** which is this year's book, offers some excellent stories of people from other lands. Christmas pictures from India and China, carols from Africa and India, China, Russia, and Spain are there for families to use, reminding them that Jesus' birthday is a world-wide Christian festival. There may be opportunity as the family comes to think more about these other friends to connect them with what we have been reading regarding our friends in Mexico, our friends in the sand hills and the mountains, and what we can do to express Christmas good will toward them.

Yes, once upon a time all we had was a quarterly. Now many

riches in the field of missionary education have been added unto us. Missionary education is prominent in church school courses of study. We can't escape it, and for this we are very, very glad. We have all the resources prepared by our own Missions Council staff which make us righteously proud of our Congregational Christian mission work. We have the stimulating, interesting publications of the Friendship Press of which we are a supporting working member. And we have abundant opportunities for making use of all these materials in our own churches. Let's put our imaginations, our minds, and our faith to work so that there will not be one among us who is not an informed, enthusiastic supporter of the world-wide church of Christ.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE HELPS?

Fun and Festival from the Other Americas by Rose Wright.

Map of Latin America

In 4 colors, 24½ x 31 inches.

Price 50 cents

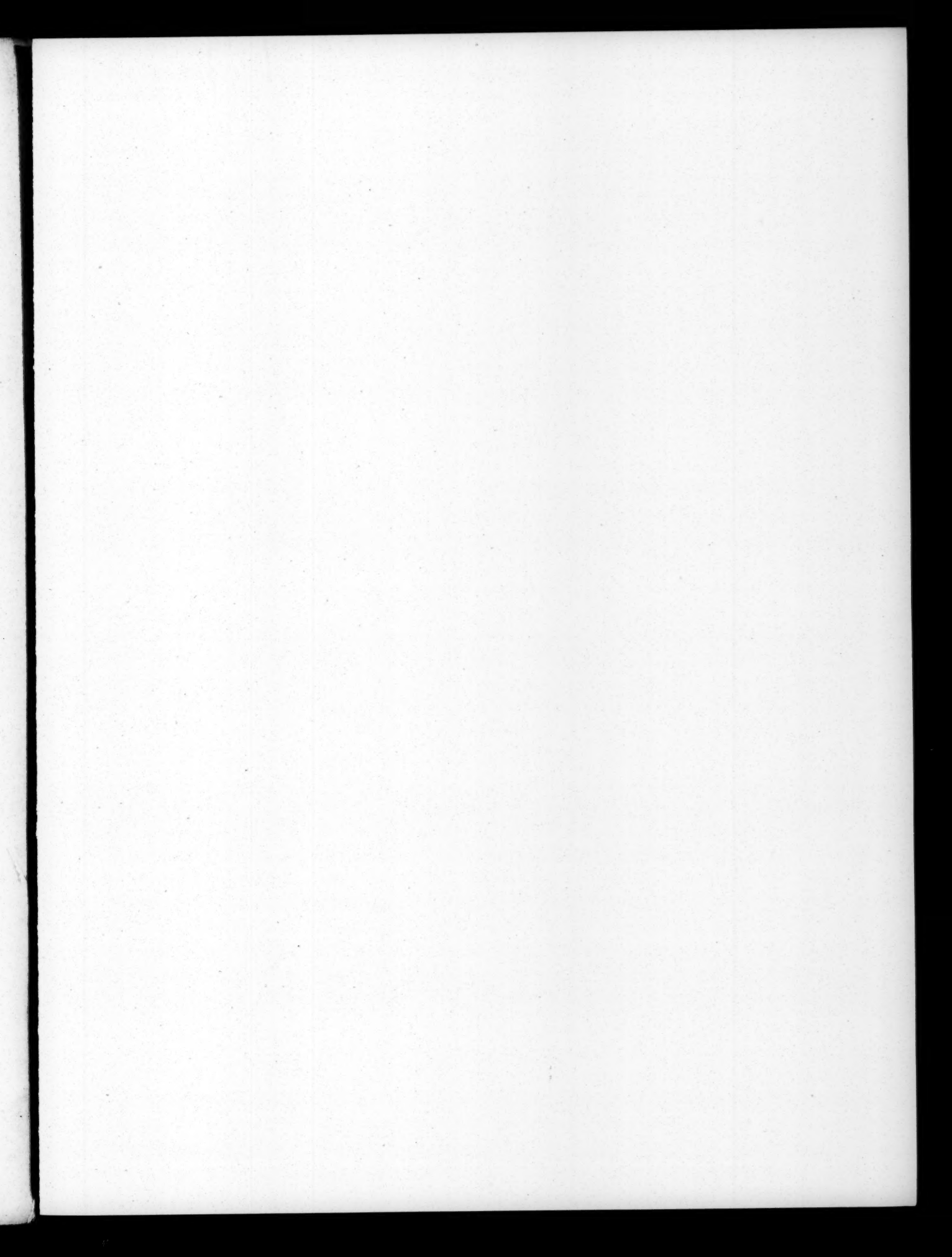
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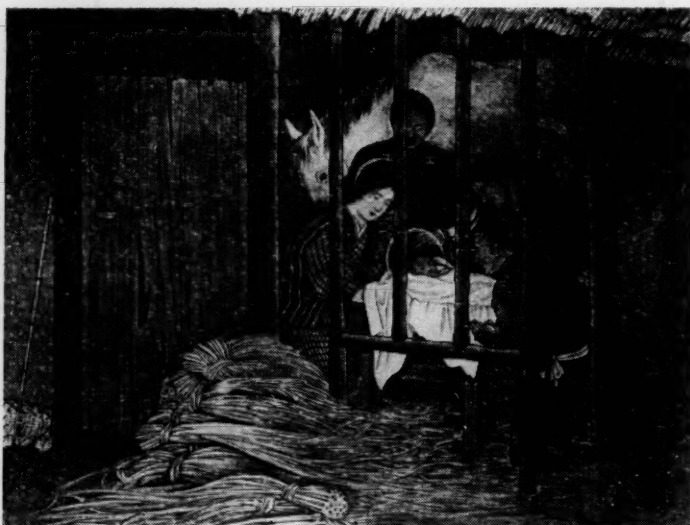
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Decorated with striking border and with insert sheet of cut-outs. In outline, to be colored by the boys and girls.

Size 50 x 38 inches.

Price 75 cents





Christmas

for your
Church School

This beautiful picture, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 15 inches, lithographed in soft tones of blues and browns and ready for framing, is made from an original painting and wood-block print, by Japan's famous modern Christian artist, Sadakata. We have taken a chance on importing a quantity of these with the understanding that apart from actual costs the proceeds go to Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

Order from the Pilgrim Press

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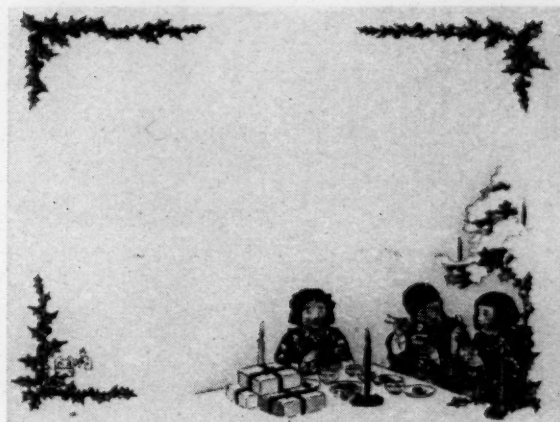
ABOUT THE ARTIST

Taikai Sadakata studied painting under a famous master of Japanese art who, being a Buddhist, determined in his later life to paint nothing but the Buddha. When Sadakata became a Christian he began to wish to follow his master in art, by dedicating his life to spiritual uses and to the Master of his life, Jesus Christ. He therefore determined to paint only Christian pictures and especially scenes from the life of Jesus. The picture which we have reproduced for use in American church schools and homes comes to us by the kindness of John Young, a missionary at the Doshisha.

Mr. Sadakata feels that to paint in the spirit of Christ is a form of worship and that when on Sunday he dedicates a new painting, or gives the day to his painting, he is spiritually supported by the worshipping Christians of the world.

Suggestions

Greeting Cards from Japan



These attractive children's greeting cards we have also imported, and for the benefit of Doshisha. Each folder bears within the greeting: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year printed in both English and Japanese kana and each comes with an envelope.

Order of the Pilgrim Press

Price 10 cents each

We have a few only of the beautiful Christmas cards shown below, a hand-done, wood block print, complete with envelope (still fewer of two other beautiful Christmas designs at the same price).

At 25 cents each.

Would you
be interested in
some Japanese
New Year Cards
at 10c each?
Ask to see them



We have
a few lovely
floral print notes
too, at 12c each,
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